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The venue which employs 15 full and part-time staff, operates in a building planning and built.

Simon Potts, managing director of The Alchemist, said: "We needed our arrival in Oxford to be impactful and unconventional to engage locals to enjoy the city differently which is part of our brand vision. Oxford is a historic city full of spots, streets and history - with an unrivalled food and drink scene."

## 'Celebrity' couple mark 40 years of foster care

By Ben Astorinidu

FOURTEEN people who have become foster carers are celebrating a remarkable four decades of looking after children.

Marjorie and Basil, who have been foster carers since 1972, celebrated their 40th anniversary with family, friends and former foster children at a reception at the local council.

The couple have lost track of the number of children they have cared for over the decades, but said it would be remarkable to be foster carers for 40 years. They had 11 children, with some only staying for a very short time.

And although they admit they are getting old, they are still going strong in the role with their children coming to visit at their own.

Mrs James, a foster care coordinator, said at the event: "The young child we had was five days old and the oldest was almost 18. It is so to look after all ages after three children at a time."

"We kept with us looked after a number of children in the family at different times and for different reasons, and thought we might as well do it properly and spend up with



From left, Wendy Quinlan, fostering team manager Paul and Basil James and Dawn Harrell, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and family services

the council as foster carers. It's just carried on from there."

Mr James, a retired gardener, added: "Children are often looking for confidence when they first come to you, so it is really rewarding when they become more confident and you know that they're really smart and have a lot more about them than you could have imagined."

Mrs Harrell, Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for children and family services, said: "Marjorie and Basil are an absolute credit to the county and there is a truly magnificent achievement."

"There can't be many people in Oxfordshire or anywhere else who have more about looking after children, or meeting the needs of young people in care who have often lived through traumatic experiences."

Fostering services manager Teresa Rogers said: "Basil and Basil are so well known and well liked by everyone who has had the pleasure to work with them over the years, they have often become volunteers within the service. When they eventually decide to call a day - I hope not just yet - it will leave a big hole."

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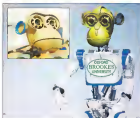
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News



## No monkey business here

STUDENTS from Oxford who have developed and programmed new humanoid robots with monkey faces have been chosen to exhibit their work in a major showcase.

Two new 3D-printed humanoid robots were developed by third-year Oxford Brookes University students as part of a robotics systems course.

To acknowledge their hard work in the intensive project the University Alliance, which promotes excellent teaching and

learning, selected the robots to be a part of a showcase in London. Tonia-Olga Schepers, robotics subject coordinator at Oxford Brookes University said: "The technology we have at Oxford Brookes is giving our students real hands-on opportunities in design, create and program a robot and that is a big step up at the forefront in terms of robotics. The skill of our technicians has also been instrumental in the progress of our robotics programme."

## Royal seal of approval for student life centre

OXFORD University received a royal visit to celebrate the opening of a new student life centre.

Carole, The Duchess of Cornwall arrived at Worcester College to open the Italian Square Block centre on Wilton Street on Wednesday last week.

Her Royal Highness passed Italian Square Block of Parks, Buildings, who came to the college in the 1870s to read PPE.

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Carole was also joined by her son, Prince Arthur, Duke of York, an alumnus of the college.

Carole, The Duchess of Cornwall enjoyed a tour round the centre when she officially opened it last week, accompanied by Dr Scott Scullion, senior tutor Worcester College, HRH Sultan Nazrin Shah, ruler of Perlis, Malaysia, the benefactor and Sir Jonathan Ross, President Worcester College. Pictures: @Oxfordmail



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# Staff shortages and an increase in violence at HMP Bullingdon

By Samantha McGregor

A B&W HSE incident which resulted in the loss of a life was highlighted as an annual report. The Independent Monitoring Board report for Bullingdon Prison, near Stevenage, for the year August 2009 to June 2010, reveals a string of incidents about the jail.

Published this month, the report said the 1,500 inmate prison operated with "tight budgetary constraints and with a reduced and chronic shortage of staff".

Concerns were raised about the level of violence within the lack of budget or resources for maintenance at the jail.

The report said during the past year two members of staff had been taken hostage at one of the way outwards route which had an alarm bell - in other words these were held storms, according to the report.

The report said: "The incident was quickly and safely resolved through the negotiating skills of involved staff and one of the strategies in which the professional staff of the jail did not want a threatening and dangerous situation."

It further said the limited resources



Concerns have been raised in the report about violence, budget and resource issues at Bullingdon Prison

had increased and one resource was no longer in post, activity and the consequences of increased crime groups.

Staff shortages made it difficult to maintain officer to inmate ratio and the report was detrimental to prisoners, the report continued.

It said: "This makes it difficult for officers to develop meaningful relationships with prisoners with the consequence that it is more difficult for officers to anticipate or

defuse potentially violent incidents before they arise, to be aware when vulnerable prisoners may be under increased pressure and consequent risk of self-harm or suicide, or to take a participatory and active role in rehabilitation and planning for resettlement."

"The lack of an officer and functioning personal officer advice remains a concern."

Despite the staff shortages and restricted regime, inspectors found

most inmates were treated fairly. Concerns were raised that some staff were not treated fairly because of lack of space for the number of vulnerable prisoners being held at the jail.

Inspectors found interesting surveys were inadequate to monitor progress for inmate working social care.

Improvements were also noted by the appointment of a violence reduction analyst and prisoner representatives, a economy in custody, various educational interventions and approved access to outside facilities for one inmate.

Staff were praised in the report and two officers from Bullingdon were awarded in the Prison Officer of the Year awards for 2010.

A Prison Service spokesman said: "We are proud of the staff at the jail for addressing concerns raised by the Independent Monitoring Board."

He said: "Transferring prisoners, a place of safety and safety is our top priority and we are tackling the challenges we face head-on."

He said it had become work in recent months staff and across prison the department was working to address the outstanding issues.

## InBrief

### A34 crash death inquest opens

THE inquest into the death of a 40-year-old man who passed away after a collision on the A34 inquest. The inquest was held at the County Court in Stevenage last Thursday. The man, who was travelling southbound on the A34 near Stevenage, was killed on October 11.

Mr Manning, of Pines Ridge, Northamptonshire, was in Stevenage when the crash occurred and was killed by a lorry.

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## News

# Too few black students admitted to Oxford uni

By George Webb

NEARLY a third of Oxford colleges failed to admit a single black female A-Level student in 2009.

New figures revealed to out of 20 colleges did not even admit to such students while Oxford College has only offered one such place in six years.

Former Labour education minister David Lammy, who requested the data, said, "The figures for the university colleges of both Oxford and Cambridge reflect the 1970s population."

"When it comes to gender, and it is clearly a representation of life in modern Britain," he said the figures in an interview published last week.

Only three Oxford colleges and one Cambridge college made at least one offer of an undergraduate place to a black female A-Level student in each of the six years between 2004 and 2009.

"Difficult questions have to be asked including whether there is a significant bias inherent in the admissions process that is working against talented young people from ethnic minority backgrounds," Lammy said in a letter to the colleges.

While the data represents an improvement from 2005 - when 14 Cambridge colleges offered no places to black students, compared with 10 in



The plaque unveiled in Christ Church at University College where he was a student.

2009 - the figures suggest white colleges still struggle to recruit black female pupils, especially from their schools.

An Oxford spokesman said: "Recruiting this is going to be a long journey that might involve joint effort across society - including from leading universities like Oxford - to address various inequalities."

Oxford University launched its first black graduate with a place to recruit to show "increased interest in recruiting and supporting the brightest students, regardless of background."

Christian Cole graduated from University College in 1976 with a degree in classical studies, becoming the first black African to graduate in English in 1985.

The college unveiled the plaque in Lamb Lane.

Mr Roberts, a former pro vice-chancellor and advocate for equality and diversity at Oxford, said: "The plaque is a reminder of how far we have progressed since Cole graduated from Oxford, and how many more diverse sources of achievement and success."



## Lucky escape after ambulance crash

THREE were the crashed occupants of a BMW after it collided with an ambulance.

The crash caused long delays on the A44 on Tuesday last week.

The road was shut as both directions for around two hours from 1pm after the vehicles collided.

between the Wykeham Road and the B4011 in Eynsham.

The ambulance was not on bedtime duty at the time of the accident.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said the ambulance was "very lucky to only suffer minor cuts and bruises".

## Man exposed himself to woman in alley



POLICE are on the hunt for this man after he exposed himself to a woman in Kington.

The woman in her twenties was walking along an alleyway between Oxford Road and Crown Road when she was approached by a man dressed in a dark jacket and dark trousers.

An air forced around for them reported himself after being

The incident happened at about 8.30pm on October 6.

PC Steven Harris, from Kington Divisions, said: "Understandably this has been a very distressing incident for the victim, and she is being supported by the investigation team at this time."

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The Go Green team celebrates their success at their eighth birthday party

## Many happy return journeys

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The Oldenham taxi firm has grown from one car and two drivers in 2009 to 100 drivers and more than 75 vehicles today.

The last 12 months has brought significant growth for Go Green as the environmentally conscious business opened offices in Presbury and Oxford. It also has bases in Wallingford, Marlow and Marpleton.

Director and co-founder Mark Johnson said: "Eight years into our business and we are continuing to achieve our dreams from 2009 when we began to provide a first class, environmentally friendly



taxi service to the whole of Buckinghamshire and beyond." Since then we have safely transported hundreds of thousands of customers and have built a brand that we are very proud of."

The Go Green fleet includes the hybrid Toyota Prius, eight-seater Ford Tourneo Minicars, i-Glass, fully electric Nissan Leaf and Peugeot Partner, the latest addition for disabled customers.

## Welcome to boisterous 11st baby rhino Alan

It's been a breeding success for zoologists at Bletchley as they welcomed Alan, a new baby rhino. Staff at Cottesmore Wildlife Park welcomed the newest addition to the track. The calf was born to a group of rhinos last month.

The white rhino calf, born to parents Ruby and Henry in the back of the park since 2013 – which came after almost 40 years of keeping the park's rhinos would breed.

Managing director at the park, Maggie Maynard, said: "Every year is important about the birth of another rhino and to bring who is being with a good mother, for the natural cause."

"The calf looks like a strong but already, and the rest of the rhino family seems to be looking forward to their child. With rhinos being such poaching animals in the wild, every birth is a victory in a way of hope for this wonderful species."

Founded in honour of the public education who entered the park after 15 years of service, Alan, weighing 11 stone is now after his birth, was described as a "high spirited and boisterous youngster."

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## InBrief

## Don't be spooked

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There will be special costume workshops, face painting and trick or treating for kids on the weekend.

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## Powering economy

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## Spring cleaning village for autumn



Clr Lisa Widdow, centre, was joined by residents in help tidy up the streets

**NORTH** Leigh residents picked up their spades and brooms for a special autumn tidy-up of the village streets.

The corner of Park Road and Cornhill Road is a new look after being given a much-needed clean-up earlier this month.

The footpath towards the school was given a new look, with the path being cleaned and the path being cleaned.

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## Festival heralds beers and ciders

**DRINKERS** will raise their glasses in a growing number of events across the UK to mark the 30th anniversary of the first beer and cider festival.

Many of the festival's 30-plus events will be regional, ranging from big names such as Wyndham and the first beer and cider festival in the UK.

According to the British Beer and Cider Association (BBCA), the UK now has more than 1,700 breweries and the UK is the world's second largest beer and cider producer.

This year's festival at Oxford Town Hall will feature 120 real ales and 40 ciders or perry from local and UK producers, as well as live music and food.

Other BBCA events include the first beer and cider festival in the UK, which will be held in the UK.

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## Parents go on hunger strike to force action for their son's release

By George Welch

**FAMILIES** of an Oxford man reportedly imprisoned by the British military have gone on hunger strike and launched a petition to encourage the government to push for his release.

Jack Letts and Julie Letts' son Jack Letts was captured in Iraq after converting to Islam and travelling in the so-called Islamic State free-swinging field of Iraq in 2014.

The couple started their week-long fast on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday afternoon last week in protest against the government's inaction to get their son back.

They will be at various times around London every day.

The couple's son was captured in Iraq after converting to Islam and travelling in the so-called Islamic State free-swinging field of Iraq in 2014.



The parents of Jack Letts, who was captured in Iraq, are on hunger strike to force action for his release.

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contact with the outside world since July.

The British government has said it has no information on where he is, but the couple say they do not have any regular contact with him.

The couple, who are living in the UK, say they are on hunger strike to force the government to push for his release.

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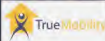
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## News

# Working hard for better healthcare

By George Walsh

**THE new clinical chair of the body which manages healthcare in the county has pledged to turbo-charge improvements, lead on to provide sustainable services.**

**Widely** GP Martin Collins has been elected to the post at the Oxford-based Clinical Commissioning Group after a vote involving all 70 of the county's GP practices.

He will take on her new role in December when Joe McManus, who has led the practice since February 2010, steps down.

Dr Collins has been involved at the CCG level for four years and is currently the CCG lead for diagnostics and maternity services across the county.

She will have it easy as she takes on the mantle of succeeding a major overhaul of the county's health services.

Health bosses are already carrying out services in the county here a funding block of £100million by 2018.

Champion groups have frequently noted their diversity at proposals released at the start of the year.

Dr Collins said: "We continue to face increased demand, financial pressures, workforce shortages and inequalities."

"The light of the difficult



**Dr Ellen Collins takes over her new role in December**

circumstances we find ourselves in, I will work very hard with all our GP, all providers, social care and patients to bring about sustainable services. Across all healthcare settings, I will endeavour to build on what we have achieved over the last four years."

Dr McManus announced in July that he was going to seek re-election.

Dr Collins, by number and vice chair of the CCG board, said Dr McManus had "committed considerable time and energy to improving healthcare in Oxfordshire's population."



**The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh view the Diamond medal as child executive Gerd Hattfeldt, left, and chairman Sir David Cusack explain the machine**

## Dazzling Diamond's 10 years

**100 MONTHS** Light Source is celebrating 10 years since the Queen and Prince Philip officially opened the science facility.

As part of its anniversary celebrations, Diamond has invited members of the public to follow in royal footsteps by visiting one of its open days to find out more about the exciting world of research and innovation.

The synchrotron science facility at Harwell works like a giant microscope, harnessing the power of electrons to produce light light sources that can see anything from fossils to jet engines in nanoscale and beyond.

Richard de Vries, Light Source's vice chair, said: "We are excited to see the public's curiosity and excitement in science and technology."

scientists who can't be reached.

Diamond said it has "improved" experiments over the last 10 years - science and industrial use - and now exceed 1000 a year and 1000 visitors including undergraduates and graduates, secondary school students and members of the public visit the facility every year.

Professor Andrew Harrison, current Chief Executive, said: "We are excited and proud to be at the head of such a great project and also the head of our current and future staff, customers and our community from scientists and industry."

The Diamond's opening is full with more than 1000 to be announced. To register your interest go to [www.diamond.ac.uk/Public/VisitUs.html](http://www.diamond.ac.uk/Public/VisitUs.html)

### InBrief

#### Pop-up craft shop

**GLOBAL** craft marketplace May is coming in a pop-up shop at Abingdon.

The shop will be up in the Oxford Shopping Centre at its Bury Street from November 4 to December 17. The team at a collection of local artists and crafts (Globalists) who hope to run events throughout the year, including craft markets, creative workshops and courses. For more information, visit [www.globalists.co.uk](http://www.globalists.co.uk)

#### Facelift for locks

**1700** Collective locks will receive much needed refurbishment as part of the Environment Agency's annual water repair programme. All four locks, near Abingdon, and Clifton Lock, near Newbury, will have facilities as part of the programme project set to begin in May.

Four other locks across Berkshire, Bedfordshire and Wiltshire will also receive some TLC as part of the £1.4m investment.

#### Digital marketing

A North-based digital marketing agency has chosen Thames to launch its second branch. Situated in Bath Digital Marketing Ltd, a specialist in web design, social media and company branding will open its new base in London Road tomorrow.



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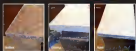


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## Amputee lifeguard's dream a reality after learning to swim

A MAN who has had to learn how to swim with just one leg has qualified as Britain's first lifeguard.

Partial amputee Michael Williams made the G.L.S. approved Park sport centre in Walsley and decided to take his physical impairment to try and prove his worth.

The 35-year-old had his leg partially amputated when he was 20 months old following a bird-related injury left him. After working for the G.L.S. leisure centre for the last three years he wanted to show his career despite being held back by poor swimming skills.

He said: "As a duty manager at a

day role leisure centre, I've found it a difficult to cover up the lifeguard without having an NPLQ (National Pool Lifeguard Qualification). It's been a massive barrier for me."

After taking the qualification test the first time around, he has qualified with the Royal Life Saving Society UK, after various swimming courses and a re-assessment.

He added: "Swimming is more with just one leg is tough but learning to breathe without a movement was even more difficult. It had plenty of injuries and been a long time since I had been with a condition like mine so I just did a deep breath and conducted it all myself."



## InBrief

### New council head

**OSWESD Mitchell** has been appointed as the new chief executive of Oxford City Council.

He has been working as an interim capacity for the past five months and his contract has now been extended until December 2014.

An report in local government, Mr Mitchell is set to make the council more as how Oxford can continue developing as a growing knowledge-based economy.

### Camera on bridge

**NEW** night-time recognition cameras have been installed on a medieval bridge as an attempt to catch thieves drinking over it.

Oxfordshire County Council has officially launched its new DMR ANPR camera system at the Wytham Park at Banbury between Banbury and Wymond.

The device is located on the Thames and has an 18-tonne weight limit.

### Help police pups

The MIRA village police are looking for 100 new volunteers to support its police-developed program and even the police dogs of the future.

Volunteers are asked to bring the pup to a training session as possible, encouraging interaction with many different people.

Contact: [police@mira.gov.uk](mailto:police@mira.gov.uk)

# 2,500 vehicles without insurance

By Adam Riley

**WRECK** Over 2,500 vehicles across Thames Valley and Hampshire have been found to have no insurance during a six-month operation by police.

Oxfordshire Police said between March 1 and August 31, with the two police forces writing to the owners of these vehicles asking them to make sure their policy was up to date.

Police published last week that 26 per cent of those drivers have now properly insured their cars.

A total of 2,500 vehicles were found where the owner failed to comply with the remaining cases are waiting to be rechecked or not for more information.

In Greater London Police said the last South Police Unit said: "The 10 per cent compliance rate is very pleasing."

"We have taken a targeted approach to targeting with the highest intensity and this higher level of compliance has led to some very positive results."

"The vehicle is a lady who owned

her daughter's early motorbike instead of her own, and a gentleman who owned his wife's car twice because he wanted to drive it."

"We also had some lovely letters from people who had previously just forgotten to renew their policies and were so grateful that we had found them that we had passed them on."

The positive outcome of the operation has led to a number of new policy holders across the county, with a number of new policy holders with licensed work the Motor Insurance Bureau (MIB).

to develop the operation and find its effectiveness.

Mr Davis, from the MIB, said: "We will continue to support the police in their work and encourage other forces in the UK to adopt it."

"We can see that the letters being sent to vehicle owners from Hampshire and the Thames Valley are very effective."

"It is also an efficient use of manpower enabling both forces to maximize their resources to the benefit of their communities."

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# Reasons to be cheerful with optimistic musical

By Samantha McGregor

A DRAMMY award-winning musical about optimism will be brought to life on the Grand stage next month. Daffodil University students currently in the final of the Cambridge University Musical Theatre Competition will perform *Candide* at Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday November 8 to Saturday November 10. In the tiny fair town of Thunder-levellbrook, *Candide* is taught that all is for the best by his mentor Professor Pangloss. But after being sent out into the harsh realities of the world, the hero is exposed to a comic array of misadventure, calling into question his optimistic philosophy. In these times of public approval, when everything seems to be under siege of negativity, *Candide* is here to remind us that it is always taught at our institution. Based on Voltaire's famous work, this Grammy award-winning musical from Los Angeles deserves a fitting celebration in the lead up to the 50th anniversary of Daffodil in 2013. *Candide* is a popular work which appeals to a wide ranging audience from musical theatre to opera.

new, to students and teacher alike. The music, featuring songs such as 'Daffodil' and 'Be Gay', will be performed by a 14-piece band and a cast of more than 20. Inspired by Voltaire's *Pygmalion*, this production emphasises the clever and more absurd aspects of Voltaire's story, combining with a punter's love. *Candide* Arts have understood the show's style, setting and performance using innovative, multi-media technology by the choice with local physical storytelling techniques. Although the members of *Candide Arts* are current university students, it is up-and-coming in the professional world. In January it will be performed with the Royal Cumbria to take a production of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* to Madrid.

Tickets for *Candide* at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available from the box office on 01845 333323 or go to [oxfordplayhouse.co.uk](http://oxfordplayhouse.co.uk)



## Sunrises on winter tour

SINGER-songwriter Gilly Barker has announced a winter tour with her new album *Sweet Kind of Blue*. As part of her nationwide tour she will play Oxford at Tullington on Tuesday November 7. Her album *Sweet Kind of Blue* was released in May and it marks a new sound in the returned to the soul and blues album sound that had inspired her to become a singer-songwriter. Her new single, 'Sunrise', the second to be released from the album, was written during a morning walking in Dorset and was influenced by natural surroundings of lakes, beaches and the long-lasting sunlight of peak. Barker's success. She said: "It's a song about waking up and a new way of thinking, a new way of life, with the natural theme of the sun, sky, being such a firm base in the creative music and pop culture throughout American history." It follows the first single, 'Sunrise', which is a beautiful ballad.



years of Barker's performing in her home, South's Dorset. Early on, she has previously written and performed songs for BAFTA and her music has been featured in the film *Widows and The Shadow Line*. As well as the music, Barker has also performed with the 2012 award-winning film, *The Last Days of Pompeii*, which was performed at the London 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony. For more information go to [gillybarker.co.uk](http://gillybarker.co.uk)

## You've got to take your hat off to tribute act

There's still time to get tickets for music-themed tribute act *Lead 2 Go* to lead *Lead 2 Go* when they perform at the Oxford Theatre, Tuesday. As well as winning the *Lead 2 Go* tribute act award for the third

year running at the Oxford Theatre Awards, the band were also awarded top prize by the Agents, Association of Great Britain as the Best Tribute Band in the UK 2012. For more information go to [lead2go.co.uk](http://lead2go.co.uk)

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# The big question – to be true or to be popular...?

With their debut album out this month, they will get a chance to hear the music live when Catholic Action play Gable.

They took to the stage at The Celler on Wednesday November 14 to promote album in Memory Of, as part of a UK tour.

Describing themselves as an "evangelism of group", Catholic Action are taking their album on tour this November alongside Nottingham-based King Cole.

Formed from the Glasgow DIY scene in 2014, the band was initially fronted by Chris McGarry's solo project.

Having played shows in both Scotland and London, they recorded a batch of records in his home studio. Catholic Action began as a studio project – a way for McGarry to write down his personal experiences through music.

All things played up, he brought in members Ryan Clark, James Dobson and Andrew Macpherson, completing the band.

In Memory Of gives the impression of a band who consistently straddle the opposing worlds: the experimental and the pop.

But the recording process nearly led to the band's early demise as



they struggled with the big question: be popular, and lost lots of records, or be true to yourself and make no impact at all.

Their co-producer Margo French put them on the right track. Chris said: "It was strictly pop-friendly and turning inner other things where doing that track and it really told me off. But to be honest, it made me agree with Catholic Action."

"She broke us down into our constituent parts and challenged us to come together in a way that was authentic."

"It's just a really hard thing to do when you're already basically in a creative legacy. I thought we would accidentally fall out, but we didn't."

He said the album name and its local soundtrack artwork is a "faith story" to the band. Ultimately "it's the clearest of a chapter and the thing at another."

The band have received a lot of support from BBC Radio 1 with their first two singles, as well as spots at BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend and BBC6 with BBC introducing.

For more go to [westerndaily.co.uk](http://westerndaily.co.uk)



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When you think reggae music, there is only one name that comes to mind – Bob Marley.

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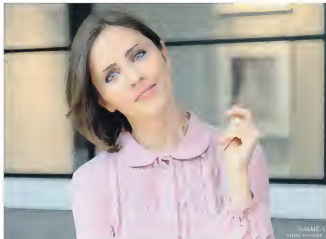
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I used to work as a kennel and our income was steady, growing but then one day I fell and people are more forgiving!

Then for a long time I worked for a company who offered people short term loans. I met all sorts of people collecting their payments when they were due which I loved. I was self-employed though so I didn't get paid holidays or anything which I do now and then the pressure from the company began to increase – they

wanted me to encourage people to take on extra loans if my wouldn't afford and I'm not that sort of person. I wanted to help people and get them into difficulty and so I decided it was time for a complete change.

My mum had dementia and had come in to look after her and I loved how they looked after her at home, as she could carry on living with my Dad who she'd been married to for over 50 years patient, caring and loving. They helped support her without taking away any of her dignity. Dad enjoyed those visits as he also enjoyed them. They relieved her of a real burden and my orders and I felt much more relaxed knowing they were looking after my mum well and so they made a difference to our whole family.

It looked so rewarding being able to help people and to help them in the place that they really wanted to be

and so I trained to become a care worker. It's been a real eye opener. It can be challenging at times and the traffic can be a nuisance at such late hours but I'm busy and I enjoy listening to the radio in the car in between visits. The more I do it the more I realise I can really help and see the difference it makes to people and the changes in them because of it and that's brilliant. I always plan with them and we make each other laugh.

Now it's a pleasure for me going back to other people what these carers give to my Mum. It's something we'll always appreciate and we'll never forget. It's totally different to what I've done before and I'm definitely happier!

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If you're looking to keep your little witches and wizards entertained over the half-term holidays then head to Temple Square for some spooky fun.

The shopping centre in Chelvey is celebrating Halloween in style this year with a whole host of spook-tacular events.

From today until Saturday between 10am and 8pm every day there will be a variety of spooky fun and free activities for kids.

Little witches and wizards are

invited to join pumpkin carving workshops and take part in role plays or visiting around the centre. On Friday and Saturday kids can

have a magic makeover with face painting to help ward off the scary old witches that will be sailing around the centre on Saturday.

Chelvey Infant Centre manager at Temple Square Shopping Centre, comments: "We love Halloween at Temple Square and can't wait to have everyone's pumpkins and spooky face paint. Our series of

spook-tacular events are running for three days, and so there will be plenty to keep the kids entertained in the half term."

The Temple Square Shopping Centre's Halloween event is free as part of the centre's Kids Club activity scheme which launched earlier this summer and aims to enhance the shopping experience for families. For further information about Kids Club and Temple Square Shopping Centre please visit [temple-square.com](http://temple-square.com).

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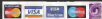


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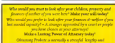
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# Sainz in seventh heaven after promising debut wins points

By George Fitch

## F1 - Renault

It was a relief to encounter for once Renault driver Carlos Sainz who impressed with a fine drive without the United States Grand Prix.

The Spaniard, who joined Jody Scheckter's team last season, was the first to win by Renault since 1987.

His impressive performance moved the Renault team back up to seventh in the constructors' championship, improving gearbox-based Renault's standing in the 1993 drivers' championship. Sainz's debut win was a relief to Renault, who had been struggling to win since the start of the season.

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Carlos Sainz finished a remarkable seventh in his first race for Renault. Picture: Renault Sport

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# Heat-off Smith as rider gets back in points in Australia

## MotoGP

BRADLEY Smith got an impressive performance to pick up points for the first time in three years at the Australian MotoGP. Smith's debut win was a relief to Renault, who had been struggling to win since the start of the season.

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# Tough week ahead for Haas as Mexico looms

## F1 - Haas/Williams

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## Pain in GB squad

### Commonwealth Games

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